

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

SARAH GOOLDEN,

Plaintiff

v.

HAMED WARDAK,

Defendant.

19 CV 6257 (JPO)

HAMED WARDAK,

Counterclaim-Plaintiff

v.

SARAH GOOLDEN,

Counterclaim-Defendant.

**NOTICE OF MOTION TO BE  
RELIEVED AS COUNSEL**

HAMED WARDAK,

Third-Party Plaintiff

v.

WALKER HARMAN JR., and BRIAN  
CAVANAUGH,

Third-Party Defendants.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT,** upon the accompanying Declaration of Michael Paul Bowen, Esq., dated November 18, 2020, and upon all papers and proceedings herein, Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP, Paul M. O'Connor III, Michael Paul Bowen and Michelle G. Bernstein, hereby move this Court, before the Honorable J. Paul Oetken, District Judge at the United States Courthouse for the Southern District of New York, 40 Foley Square, Courtroom 706, New York, New York 10007, for an order, pursuant to Local Civil Rule 1.4, relieving Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP, Paul M. O'Connor III, Michael Paul Bowen and Michelle G. Bernstein as counsel for Defendant/Counterclaim-Plaintiff Hamed Wardak, for a stay of this proceeding to permit Mr.

Wardak to obtain new counsel, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. The motion shall be heard on a date and at a time directed by the Court.

Dated: New York, New York  
November 18, 2020

(1) Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP, Paul M. O'Connor III, Michael Paul Bowen, and Michelle G. Bernstein are hereby relieved as counsel for Defendant Hamed Wardak.

(2) This action is hereby stayed **until January 8, 2021** to permit Defendant to obtain new counsel.

(3) Defendant Hamed Wardak shall have new counsel enter an appearance on the docket by January 8, 2021, or shall indicate by that date that he wishes to represent himself. If he wishes to appear pro se, he is directed to consult this Court's website as to how to proceed.

(4) Withdrawing counsel shall provide Defendant Wardak with a copy of this order within 4 business days.

(5) The Clerk is directed to close Dkt. No. 48.  
So ordered.

Nov. 23, 2020

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J. PAUL OETKEN  
United States District Judge